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# From Your (first it's not, then it's cold) Editor

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# From Your (first it's hot, then it's cold!) Editor:

The weather in these parts is strange. One day it's in the seventies and the next day it's in the thirties. Don't know whether to take stuff out of the cedar chest or put stuff in it. Crazy! I am sitting at the computer right now with the heat off and a sweater on. Seems like a good compromise?


It has been fun working on this issue of *ATG* this time because I have been off from work and can see things in the daylight instead of in the middle of the night when I usually work on *ATG*. We have two great guest editors – **Mike Furlough** and **Patrick Alexander** talking about **collaboration between research libraries and university presses**. Remember **Tony Horava's** appetizer article in *ATG*, v.20#4, p.46? On the collaboration side, we have articles by **Raym Crow**, **Catherine A. Mitchell**, and **Laura Cerruti**, **Monica McCormick**, **Terry Ehling** and **Erich Staib**, **Sylvia Miller** and **Patrick Alexander**.



And there's more. We have an **op ed** by **Mehdi Kosrow-Pour** which tries to perk us up from the economic gloom and doom, a **Back Talk** from **Tony Ferguson** about a Conference in China, a few **special reports** by **Rachel Erb** (on *reSearcher*) and **Ann Bolek** (on journal backfiles). Our interview

in this issue is with the awesome **Steve McKinzie**, Library Director at **Catawba College** who tells about designing a library building on the cheap. **Bryan Carson** gives us the first installment on **Open Source Software** which seems to be everywhere, **Biz of Acq** is about **Screen-casting** in Acquisitions by **Xan Arch**, **Sandy Thatcher's** **From the University Presses** takes on **Gutenberg-e** and **Ross Atkinson**. Then there's **Rick Lugg** and **Ruth Fischer's** Disapproval plan, **Carolyn Morris's** Buying eBooks, **John Cox's** future of the printed monograph, **Rita Rickett's** international dateline about the **Blackwellian women**, and **Cris Ferguson's** technology left behind about **Revelry** (you heard it here). And there's even more not mentioned! I do want to mention however, that we have two new columnists – **Bob Holley** and **Donna Jacobs** to add more zest to our *ATG* reading experience.

Plus, now I understand that it is going to go down in the twenties tonight! Time to bring in the plants and go brrr... If it's going to get this cold, why doesn't it snow??!

Happy New Year and much love,  
Yr. Ed. 



## Letters to the Editor

Send letters to <kstrauch@comcast.net>, phone or fax 843-723-3536, or snail mail: **Against the Grain**, MSC 98, The Citadel, Charleston, SC 29409. You can also send a letter to the editor from the *ATG* Homepage at <http://www.against-the-grain.com>.

### Dear Editor:

Dear Charleston Conference Crew – Once again the **Charleston Conference** was the high point of the year for me. Thank you for all that you do!

Sincerely,

**John Dove** (President, Credo Reference)

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### Rumors from page 1

Was so sorry to learn that after a reorganization at **ACS**, the wonderful **Adam Chesler's** position was eliminated. While happy that he doesn't have to shave every day, **Adam's** nevertheless looking for new opportunities and welcomes ideas and/or friendly greetings. He plans on attending **ALA** in Denver, and can be reached by e-mail at <adam.chesler@cox.net>. [www.against-the-grain.com/rumors](http://www.against-the-grain.com/rumors)

Recently also heard from the energetic **Scott Alan Smith** who has been laid off at **Blackwell**. Here is his contact information: <Scott.alan.smith@comcast.net> **Scott's** telephone number 503-951-8343.

The **Charleston Conference 2008** is over and we all had a good time and learned a lot. Here's **Rita Rickett's** enjoying the Charleston sunshine on one of the docks downtown. **Rita** is **Blackwell's** historian. Be sure and read her international dateline, this issue, p.80.



And speaking of the **Bodleian**, did you hear that the author and playwright **Alan Bennett** is presenting his papers as a gift to the **Bodleian Library, University of Oxford**. The comprehensive archive comprises materials, letters, and manuscripts relating to a distinguished literary career which began with the revue **Beyond the Fringe** in 1960 and has spanned nearly five decades.

[www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/](http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/)  
[www.against-the-grain.com/rumors](http://www.against-the-grain.com/rumors)

Here's a shameless plug. did you see the **UKSG Serials-eNews** (No. 180, 3 October

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ALA Annual	June 2009	04/08/09	04/29/09
Reference Publishing	September 2009	07/8/09	07/29/09
Charleston Conference	November 2009	09/02/09	09/23/09
ALA Midwinter	Dec. 09/Jan. 2010	10/21/09	11/11/09

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